

HONORING MATHEW DAVID  
BUCHHOLZ

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mathew David Buchholz a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mathew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mathew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mathew David Buchholz for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING JUNOT DIAZ  
FOR WINNING THE 2008 PULITZER  
PRIZE FOR FICTION

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise and congratulate Junot Diaz for winning the Pulitzer Prize for fiction on Monday, April 7, 2008, for his novel "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao."

Junot Diaz was born in the Dominican Republic on December 31, 1968, but has lived most of his life in New Jersey. As a child he loved reading, and his favorite book of all time is "Planet of the Apes." After high school, Junot attended the University of Rutgers where he received his Bachelor's Degree in English in 1992, later received his Master of Fine Arts at the University of Cornell in 1995, where he decided to develop his passion for creative writing.

Junot Diaz first made a name for himself with his critically acclaimed short story collection "Drown" in 1996, which featured the short stories "Ysrael", and "Drown". In this novel he developed the short stories into segments of the life of a Dominican immigrant getting accustomed to life in the United States. He also published a translated version of "Drown" titled "Negocios." This short story novel made him a household name in the Dominican American communities nationwide.

His latest novel, "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" has been praised as the best novel of 2007 by Time Magazine, New York Magazine, the Washington Post, and countless other newspaper publications. In this novel he portrayed the story of a boy, who is fascinated with comic books, who lives with a dysfunctional Dominican family, who decide to move back home during the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo.

Junot Diaz is a wonderful example that anything you put your mind and dedication to can be achieved in great depth. He has achieved

goals that many only dream about in a lifetime, at a tender age of 39. He serves as a great role model for youth in the United States as evidence the American dream can be achieved.

CONGRATULATING CLARENCE W.  
DUPNIK FOR 50 YEARS OF LAW  
ENFORCEMENT SERVICE TO THE  
TUCSON, ARIZONA, COMMUNITY

### HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. PASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's finest, Clarence W. Dupnik, Sheriff of Pima County, Arizona, who, this year, celebrates 50 years of law enforcement service to his community in Tucson, Arizona. Sheriff Dupnik began his career in February, 1958, as a Patrol Officer with the City of Tucson Police Department. While there, he held various positions, rising to Major in charge of Field Operations when he retired in January, 1977. From there, he was appointed Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Pima County Sheriffs Department, and was appointed Pima County Sheriff on February 19, 1980. Since that time, Sheriff Dupnik has been elected to 7 consecutive terms of office as Pima County Sheriff, a position in which he remains today. Of his 50 years of law enforcement service, Clarence Dupnik has served 31 years as Sheriff of Pima County, the 2nd largest populated county in the States of Arizona, and the 7th largest county in the nation—a remarkable achievement!

During his law enforcement career, Sheriff Dupnik has, among other things:

Led the reduction of the per capital crime rate in Pima County to levels equal to the City of Scottsdale and one-half the crime rate within the City of Tucson.

Created the Metropolitan Area Narcotics Trafficking Interdiction Squads (MANTIS).

Founded the Command Group of the Arizona Alliance Planning Committee, a joint federal, state, and local law enforcement task force to interdict and prevent the smuggling of illegal narcotics into Arizona from Mexico.

Collaborated with the FBI to participate in the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the FBI.

Pursued and secured funding from the Department of Homeland Security for a helicopter to identify and interdict terrorists.

Introduced Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) in Pima County Schools.

Founded the drug prevention group known as the Arizonans for a Drug-Free Workplace, and serves as its Chairman.

Madam Speaker, the dedication and service of Clarence Dupnik to Pima County during his 50 year law enforcement career is truly commendable and worthy of note by this body. We thank Sheriff Dupnik for his long and illustrious career, and wish him further success in the years to come. We know that all of the years of public service have sacrificed time from this family and personal matters, so we take this moment to also thank and acknowledge his wife, Susie, and their families. The Tucson community, and the state of Arizona as a whole, is a better place because of you, my friend, Sheriff Dupnik.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR THURMAN  
G. ADAMS, JR., PRESIDENT PRO  
TEMPORE DELAWARE STATE  
SENATE

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Senator Thurman G. Adams, Jr., who was elected by his colleagues as Senate President Pro Tempore of the Delaware General Assembly in January of 2003. Senator Adams is also the longest serving member of the State Senate in Delaware history, as he has represented the 19th Senate District of Sussex County since 1972, and I had the personal pleasure of serving with him in the State Senate during my last term as a Senator from 1972 to 1976 and again as Lt. Governor from 1981 to 1985. In addition, when I was Governor of Delaware from 1985 to 1993 I worked closely with Senator Adams on many issues.

During his career in public service, Senator Adams has held many distinguished positions. Before becoming President Pro Tempore, he served as Senate Majority Leader from 1999 to 2003. Senator Adams serves on several standing committees, including the Agriculture Committee, the Highways & Transportation Committee, and as longtime Chairman of the Executive Committee. In this position he has overseen the appointment of Chief Justices, Judges, cabinet secretaries and individuals to other prominent positions within State Government. He has worked for the interests of Delaware's farm community and expended much effort toward such causes as improving roads and the quality of Delaware's public education system. As a member of the Public Safety Committee, Senator Adams sponsored legislation that established Delaware's "Enhanced 911" emergency telephone system.

Senator Adams is a lifelong Delawarean, being born and raised in Bridgeville, DE, in the very district that he now represents. After graduating from Bridgeville High School, Senator Adams went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Delaware. Senator Adams was married for almost 50 years to Hilda McCabe Adams, who passed away in 2002. His world revolves around family and his two daughters, Polly and Lynn, son Brent who passed away, seven grandsons and four great-grandchildren mean the world to him. He is the president of T.G. Adams & Sons, Inc., a feed and grain company, and oversees a large farming business. Senator Adams has served on various boards, including the Eastern Shore Grain Dealers Association, of which he was president, chairman of the United Methodist Church Administrative board, president of Harrington Raceway, and as director of Baltimore Trust Company, Milford Memorial Hospital and the Medical Center of Delaware. In addition to his public service, Senator Adams devotes time to community outreach and charitable projects through the Bridgeville Lions Club, several Shrine Clubs, and numerous other organizations. Finally, if we could get his beloved Baltimore Orioles back into the World Series I am certain Senator Adams would consider his work complete, well at least for a moment or so.